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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON "SELF-MANAGEMENT"

1. AT OCTOBER 14 MEETING OF NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BELGIAN POLAD (BOURKAERT) COMPLIMENTED US FOR ITS ANALYSIS OF KARDELJ'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON NON-ALIGNMENT (DRAWN FROM BELGRADE 4997), WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 30. AS COMPANION PIECE, BELGIAN REP REPORTED ON RECENT KARDELJ STATEMENT ON SELF-MANAGEMENT.

2. THRUST OF JARDELJ'S SPEECH WAS THAT "SELF-MANAGEMENT" REPRESENTS THE INTERNAL POLICY COUNTERPART OF YUGOSLAVIA'S NON-ALIGNED POSTURE ABROAD.

3. IN BELGIAN VIEW, KARDELJ'S PRESENTATION ON SELF-MANAGEMENT BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY COMPLETED THE IDEOLOGICAL POCTURE HE BEGAN WITH HIS RECENT COMMENTARY ON NON-ALIGNMENT. BELGIANS THUS SEE NON-ALIGNMENT AND SELF-MANAGEMENT AS TWIN PILLARS OF YUGOSLAV POLICY.

4. IN TRACING EVOLUTION OF SELF-MANAGEMENT CONCEPT, BELGIANS
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NOTE FOLLOWING POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AMONG KARDELJ'S
OBSERVATIONS:

A) ALTHOUGH SELF-MANAGEMENT MAY NOT YET BE ACHIEVED,

IW WOULD BE FALS TO SEE IT AS A DEVELOPMENT IMPROVISED SOLELY TO MEET SUBJECTIVE CONSIDERATIONS. ON THE CONTRARY, SELF-MANAGEMENT LIKE NON-ALIGNMENT IS A LONG-TERM, SOCIO-HISTORIC PROCESS, AND THE FRUIT OF AN OBJECTIVE AND INEVITABLE EVOLUTION RATHER THAN THE PRODUCT OF A GROWING SOCIAL CONSCIENCE OR OF THE EFFORTS OF A FEW PROGRESSIVE INDIVIDUALS.

B) SELF-MANAGEMENT THUS EMERGES NOT AS ONE OF THE WAYS TOWARD SOCIALISM, BUT INDEED AS THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM PAR EXCELLENCE. WHILE THE YUGOSLAVS HAD PREVIOUSLY LIMITED APPLICATION OF THE SELF-MANAGEMENT CONCEPT TO THEIR OWN SOCIALIST PROGRAM, KARDELJ NOW ELEVATES IT TO THE LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL DOGMA. BELGIANS THUS SUGGEST THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON YUGOSLAV APPROACH TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE.

C) KARDELJ EMPHASIZES THAT SO LONG AS A "SELF-MANAGED" SOCIETY HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED BOTH IN FACT AND IN ITS ABILITY TO MEET ALL OF ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS, THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE WILL REMAIN INDISPENSABLE. STATE AUTHORITY SHOULD NOT BE RELEGATED TO A PURELY RESIDUAL OR EPHEMERAL ROLE, BUT SEEN RATHER AS AN INDISPENSABLE PROP FOR THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SELF-MANAGEMENT CONCEPT.

5. ACCORDING TO BELGIANS, KARDELJ SPEECH ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY ROLE OF SELF-MANAGEMENT BOTH IN HISTORY AND IN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT, AND STRESSES MERITS OF CONCEPT IN THE PARTICULAR CONTEXT OF A MULTINATIONAL STATE LIKE YUGOSLAVIA. STREATOR

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